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1. BENIN RADIO 29 SEPT 1967 REPORTED WARNING FROM LT COL ADEKUNLE, "GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING NIGERIAN COASTAL SECTOR IN WARRI," TO LOCAL PEOPLE NOT TO "TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PRESENCE OF FEDERAL TROOPS TO ENGAGE IN LOOTING, MURDER, AND OTHER CRIMINAL ACTS (FBIS N291550). ADDRESSING PEOPLE OF WARRI, WESTERN IJAWS, ABOR AND ITSEKIR, COLONEL ADEKUNLE WARNED AGAINST USING SOLDIERS TO ACHIEVE "PERSONAL VENDETTAS" AND SAID HE WOULD TAKE DRASTIC MEASURES AGAINST ANYONE CAUGHT

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IN THIS. PERSONS ENGAGED IN CRIME WOULD BE CONSIDERED^N

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"TRAITORS TO CAUSE OF UNITED NIGERIA". ADEKUNLE REMINDED
LISTENERS THAT HE HAS POWER TO IMPOSE MARTIAL LAW IN COASTAL
AREA BUT DID NOT WISH TO DO SO.

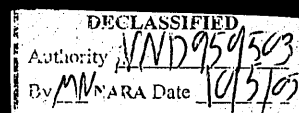
2. COL. ADEKUNLE APPEALED TO PEOPLE OF IBO TRIBE TO COME
OUT OF HIDING AND PURSUE "THEIR NORMAL ACTIVITIES."
HE URGED PEOPLE TO CLEAR BUSH AROUND THEIR HOUSES AND UNDEVELOPED
PLOTS SO EASTERN SOLDIERS COULD NOT HIDE. ADEKUNLE SAID ANY
WEAPONS FOUND IN AREA SHOULD BE DEPOSITED AT NEAREST MILITARY
UNIT AND HE ANNOUNCED BAN ON ALL ARMS INCLUDING MACHETS.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: WARRI WAS REPORTEDLY OCCUPIED BY FEDERAL
TROOPS UNDER ADEKUNLE ON MORNING SEPTEMBER 22. IT HEARTENING
THAT ADEKUNLE APPEALING FOR LAW AND ORDER AND THREATENING
STRONG MEASURES AGAINST LOOTING AND MURDER, BUT APPARENT
DELAY IN ISSUING WARNING MAY REFLECT PROBLEM OF TROOP
DISCIPLINE.

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SUBJ OJUKWU'S SPEECH.

1. FOLLOWING EXCERPTS OJUKWU'S SPEECH CARRIED FBIS N3001100 WHICH
RADIO LAGOS DESCRIBED AS FRANTIC BROADCAST BY REBEL LEADER AT

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MIDNIGHT SEPTEMBER 29.

2. FELLOW COUNTRYMEN, BRAVE AND PROUD BIAFRANS. TODAY IS DAY TO BE
LONG REMEMBERED, NOT ONLY IN HISTORY BIAFRA, BUT ALSO THAT OF OUR
HEARTLESS ASSOCIATION WITH DEFUNCT FEDERATION. ON THIS DATE YEAR

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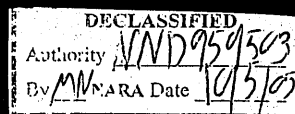
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AGO POGROM STARTED BY HAUSA-FULANI VANDALS.
3. THIS DATE MARKS TWO THINGS. MARKS GRIEF FOR ALL LOSSES AS RESULT ATROCITIES. ALSO MARKS BEGINNING OUR REALIZATION WE COULD NOT EXIST AS PEOPLE WITHIN FEDERATION NIGERIA.
4. OUR PEOPLE COMPELLED FLEE TO OWN HOMES. WE DID EVERYTHING SEE REALISTIC SOLUTION FOR PROBLEMS WHICH BEUET NIGMA. BUT WHAT DID WE GET FOR OUR EFFORTS? GOWON RESORTED ALL FORMS BLACKMAIL. CAN ANYONE FORGET GOWON'S DISHONESTY, DUPLICITY, HIGHHANDEDNESS OVER ABURI. HE RESORTED COERSIVE MEASURES USING CENTRAL MACHINERY FOR WHOLE FEDERATION ENFORCE THIS. OUR PEOPLE CONTINUED BE INSULTED, PROVOKED. THEY LOSING TRADE BUSINESS RESULT ECONOMIC BLOCKADE. EFFECTIVENESS OF WHICH UNDERLINED BY ATTITUDE FOREIGN SHIPPING INTERESTS.
5. WE HAD NO RPT NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE THAN DECLARE OUR SOVEREIGNTY. BUT EVEN IN DECLARATION SOVEREIGNTY WE KEPT DOORE OPEN FOR SOME

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FORM ASSOCIATION, PARTICULARLY ECONOMIC.
6. GOWON EXPECTED OVERRUN US WITHING MATTER OF DAYS.
7. TRUE GOWON'S HORDES HAVE OCCUPIED PARTS OUR SOIL. BUT ONLY THOSE PARTS ON WHICH THEY STAND CAN THEY CLAIM CONTROL.
8. WE NOT MERELY MATCHING ARMY AGAINST ARMY BUT WHOLE AND DETERMINED PEOPLE AGAINST A MEDIOCRE GANGSTER ARMY.
9. GOWON WISHES TAKE ENUGU AND PUTTING EVERYTHING HIS DISPOSAL ACHIEVE THIS. HE WILL NOT SUCCEED.
10. ONE REGRETTABLE FACT ABOUT THIS PRESENT STRUGGLE IS THAT SOME EXPATRIATE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS HAVE ALLOWED THEMSELVES TO BE USED BY GOWON AS TOOLS. UNFORTUNATE THAT THEY HAVE SO EASILY SUCCEMBED HIS BLACKMAIL. WITHOUT SUPPORT FROM THOSE MISSIONS FOR GOWON AND NOTORIOUS INDIFFERENCE OTHERS, THIS WAR BY NOW WOULD HAVE ENDED.
11. I NEED NOT MENTION SCORES MERCENARIES LEADING GOWON'S ARMY AND OPERATING AIR FORCE. HE ABLE OBTAIN FOREIGN ASSISTANCE BY PROMISSING THOSE CONCERNED OUR OIL.
12. DESPITE EFFORTS GOWON EXCLUDE DISCUSSION NIGERIA DURING LAST MEETING OAU, MEMBERS THAT ORGANIZATION FELT OBLIGED DISCUSS MATTER. COMMITTEE HEADS STATE APPOINTED BY OAU WOULD HAVE STARTED WORK BY

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NOW BUT GOWON SUCCEEDED FORESTALLING THAT.

13. YORUBAS HAVE MADE THEMSELVES TOOLS OF SICK GOWON. WE KNOW VICTORY FOR GOWON WOULD MEAN GENOCIDE, BESTIALITY, DISEASE, ANARCHY, IGNORANCE, POVERTY AND DESECRATION RELIGION. WE FIGHTING PRESERVE OUR LIVES, PROPERTY, INSTITUTIONS, RELIGIONS, TALENTS. ENEMY THROUGH TREACHERY OCCUPIED SOME PARTS OUR SOIL. THEY NOW MAKING FRANTIC EFFORTS REACH ENUGU. AT THIS MOMENT OUR FORCES STEADILY FLUSHING VARMINTS OUR OF BONNY. DURING PAST FEW DAYS ENEMY AGENTS, SABOTEURS HAVE DONE EVERYTHING GREAT PANIC, FEAR AMONG ENUGU POPULATION. THEY MAY YET DO MORE. NO QUESTION OUR ABANDONING THIS CAPITAL CITY. CHILDREN AND WOMEN CARING FOR THEM MAY LEAVE ENUGU. BUT WOMEN CONNECTED WITH WAR SHOULD REMAIN. IN CASE THOSE DIRECTLY ENGAGED FIGHTING WAR GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS RESPONSIBILITY PAY COMPENSATION TO THEIR DEPENDENTS IN EVENT OF DEATH OR INJURY.

14. LET US BE PREPARED TO DIE. LET US COME OUT IN FORCE AND DESTROY ENEMY SO THAT WE MAY LIVE.

15. LET US SO DISTINGUISH OURSELVES IN THIS WAR THAT 30,000 WHO PERISHED IN 1966 MAY NOT HAVE DIED IN VAIN.

16. HOLY ARCHANGEL MICHAEL, DEFEND US IN BATTLE, BRAVE BIAFRANS, POUD BIAFRANS, WE SHALL VANQUISH.
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1. AT PRESS CONFERENCE SEPT 29 CHIEF ENAHORO, COMMISSIONER

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INFORMATION AND LABOR BRIEFED TWENTY-TWO CORRESPONDENTS ON STATUS NIGERIAN "MILITARY OPERATION" AGAINST SECESSIONIST EASTERN REGION. FOLLOWING HIGHLIGHTS NOT INCLUDED IN REFERENCED VOA MESSAGE.

2. ON MILITARY SITUATION, REBELS WERE REPORTED MAKING STRONG RESISTANCE AT AGBOR IN MID-WEST STATE BUT FEDERAL TROOPS CONVERGING ON AGBOR FROM THREE DIRECTIONS: BENIN CITY, ISMAN AND POINT BETWEEN. REBELS APPARENTLY "NOT IN POSITION" TO MAKE STAND BETWEEN AGBOR AND ASABA ON NIGER RIVER AND MAY BE PLANNING NOT CONTEST FEDERAL ADVANCE IN THIS AREA IF AGBOR CAPTURED. IN ENUGU SECTOR, FEDERAL ARMY "IN SEMI-CIRCLE" AROUND ENUGU "MASSING FOR FINAL PUCH," AND FIGHTING GOING ON IN OUTSKIRTS. ENUGU BEING SHELLED. FEDERAL TROOPS CAPTURED NINE-MILE-CORNER ON ENUGU-ONITSHA ROAD "SOME TIME AGO" BUT ENAHORO DID NOT KNOW WHETHER

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FEDERAL TROOPS HAVE SINCE PROCEEDED TOWARDS ONITSHA. ENAHORO SAID HE ASSUMED "NATURE OF FIGHTING" AT ENUGU SAME AS ENCOUNTERED UP TILL NOW. ON BONNY ISLAND, REBEL AIRPLANE BOMBED AND SET AFIRE OIL TANK AT MIDNIGHT LAST NIGHT. REBEL TROOPS ATTEMPTED INVADE BONNY AND PETERSIDE (ACROSS CHANNEL) BUT BEATEN OFF BY COMBINED NAVY AND ARMY FORCES. NIGERIAN AIR FORCE RAIDED PORT HARCOURT AND FOUND ONLY ONE DAMAGED DC-3 AT FIELD. ENUGU AIR FIELD HAS NO AIRPLANES, ONLY ONE DUMMY AIRPLANE, SO NIGERIAN AIR FORCE ATTACKED SERVICE VEHICLES.

2. ENAHORO SAID HE WAS TOLD THAT OJUKWU SAID IN SPEECH LAST NIGHT THAT HE LEAVING ENUGU BUT FMG WOULD CHASE HIM WHEREVER HE WENT. CORRESPONDENTS POINTED OUT THAT OJUKWU SPEECH TEXT CONTAINED NO SUCH STATEMENT. ENAHORO ADDED THAT NOSGEMBER FMG HAS BEEN IN TOCU WITH "HENCHMEN" OF OJUKWU TO ARRANGE HIS OVERTHROW, BUT REPLACEMENT OF OJUKWU BY IBO PEOPLE IS CONDITION FOR FMG CEASEFIRE.

3. CONCERNING THE OAU HEADS OF STATE MISSION TO NIGERIA, ENAHORO SAID OFF THE RECORD HE THOUGHT THE MISSION WOULD NOT COME UNTIL

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"MUCH" LATER, FMG ATTITUDE TOWARDS MISSION WAS NOT AFFECTED BY GHANAIAI REMARKS IN UN. FMG OBTAINING FULL REPORT OF GHANAIAI STATEMENT AND MAY MAKE FURTHER RESPONSE, BUT AGAIN OFF RECORD. ENAHORO VISITING ACCRA THIS AFTERNOON EN ROUTE TO LONDON. ENAHORO REFUSED TO ADMIT CORRESPONDENTS SUGGESTION THAT OAU MISSION NOT COMING BECAUSE SOME HEADS OF STATE FELT THEY UNWELCOME IN LAGOS.

4. ENAHORO TRIP TO LONDON OCCASIONED BY CONCERN OVER "VIEWS IN SOME PARTS OF UK" ON NIGERIAN WAR.

5. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ABOUT FINANCE PERMSEC ATTA'S FIGURES OF L50 MILLION WAR DAMAGE IN NIGERIA, L50 MILLION ARMAMENT EXPENSES, AND 50,000 DEAD (LAGOS A-183), ENAHORO SAID HE SUPOSED FIGURES WERE MOST AUTHORITATIVE POSSIBLE, BUT HE WOULD CHECK FURTHER BEFORE NEXT WEEK'S PRESS CONFERENCE.

6. REPORTERS ASKED IF REPORTS OF "HUNDREDS OF IBOS" KILLED AT BENIN SHOWED PATTERN AND WHAT GOWON'S SPEECH OF SEPT 28 TO EAST MEANT IN REGARD TO TREATMENT OF IBOS. ENAHORO

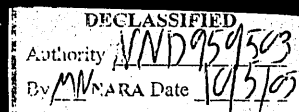
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CLAIMED THAT IBOS KILLED IN BENIN WERE "STRAGGLERS, SOME STILL ARMED" FROM ORE BATTLE AND ELSEWHERE.

HE ALSO CALIMED THAT MANY IBOS IN BENIN, "FOR INSTANCE, YOUR NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR WHOM YOU HAVE KNOWN FOR YEARS," SUDDENLY APPEARED IN UNIFORM AND WITH GUNS AFTER REBEL INVASION OF MID-WEST STATE. THUS REBELS PROVOKED REACTION AGAINST IBOS WHEN FMG CAPTURED BENIN. HE SAID HE HAD HEARD REPORTS OF "LOOTING, KILLINGS, MRDER, RAPE OF SCHOOL GIRLS" DURING REBEL OCCUPATION MID-WEST STATE. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, ENAHORO SAID HE DOES NOT EXPECT WIDESPREAD KILLINGS OF CIVILAINS IN ENUGU IF POEPL E DO NOT RESIST AND DO NOT FIGHT. FMG TROOPS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED NOT TO KILL CIVILAINS, IF THEY DO, PUNISHMENT IS "ARMY WILL DEAL WITH TEM." ENAHORO SAID HE

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NOT INFORMED OF ANY CASES OF ARMY DISCIPLINARY ACTION IN THIS REGARD.

7. ON MID-WEST IBOS, REPORTS ASKED IF "RECEPTION CENTERS" HAD BEEN SET UP FOR CIVILIANS AT MAJOR TOWNS, SUCH AS GOVERNMENT SCHOOL CENTER IN BENIN. ENAHORO SAID HE UNDERSTOOD ALL EASTERNS WERE LEAVING BEFORE FMG SOLDIERS ARRIVED SO CENTERS NOT NEEDED. HE DID NOT KNOW IF MID-WEST IBOS WERE BEING GIVEN

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IDENTIFICATION PASSES BY FEDERAL FORCES TO PROTECT THEM FROM REPEATED CHECKS, NOR DID HE KNOW OF LEAFLETS DISTRIBUTED IN BENIN ASKING PUBLIC NOT TO USE SOLDIERS TO SHOOT IBOS. HE DID NOT KNOW OF ANY PLAN SO FAR TO INCLUDE IBOS IN FEDERAL CIVIL SERVICE AFTER REBELLION IS OVER.

8. CORRESPONDENTS QUESTIONED ENAHORO ABOUT THE MILITARY CODE OF CONDUCT AND THE TAKING OF PRISONERS. HE DENIED THAT FEDERAL FORCES WERE REFUSING TO TAKE PRISONERS. HE SAID TO REPORTER: "YOU SAW PRISONERS IN BENIN CITY, DIDN'T YOU?" REPORT SAID NO AND ENAHORO SAID: "WHAT ABOUT AT GOVERNMENT SCHOOL?" PUZZLED REPORTER SAID, "THEY WERE NOT PRISONERS, THEY WERE CIVILIANS." ENAHORO REPLIED INDIGNANTLY THAT REBEL SOLDIERS WERE POSING AS CIVILIANS. COMMENT: EXTREMELY NEGATIVE IMPRESSION WAS MADE ON CORRESPONDENTS BY APPARENT CALLOUSNESS AND REFUSAL FMG TO ADMIT POSSIBLE SERIOUS PROBLEM OF KILLINGS OF CIVILIANS BY TROOPS.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 3107

REF: STATE 46980 (NOTAL)

SUBJ: OAU MISSION TO NIGERIA

1. NIGERIAN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER ARIKIO THIS EVENING SEPT 30 TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT OAU MISSION OF HEADS OF STATE DEFINITELY WILL COME TO LAGOS ON OCTOBER 5. HE THINKS IT "PROBABLE" THAT EVEN GENRAL ANKRAH WILL TRY BE PRESENT FOR MEETING SO THAT OAU MANDATE TO SIX HEADS OF STATE WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY THEM.

2. ARIKPO WILL GO TO LONDON ON OCTOBER 1 AS PLANNED, BUT

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HE WILL NOT PROCEED TO NEW YORK. INSTEAD, HE WILL RETURN
LAGOS FOR MEETING WITH OAU MISSION.

3. RE STATE 46980, EMBASSY HAS NOT YET FOUND
NIGER AMBASSADOR TO PASS MESSAGE TO HIM FROM PRESIDENT
DIORI. SINCE WE MAY NOT BE ABLE FIND HIM UNTIL MORNING
OCTOBER 1, SUGGEST DEPARTMENT PASS TO DIORI INFORMATION
IN FOREGOING PARAGRAPHS. WE WILL, OF COURSE, SEND REPLY
FROM NIGER AMBASSADOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. MATHEWS

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1. AT APPROXIMATELY 1820Z THIS EVENING L FOURTEEN OCTAR
ROUNDS LANDED IN EKULU LAYOUTWQ. NO RPI NO US GOVERNMENT

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PERSONNEL WERE INJURED AND WE KNOW OF NO GOVERNMENT
PROPERTY DAMAGE. BECAUSE OF DARKNESS WE UNABLE DETERMINE
LOCATION OF BURSTS.

2. IS HCE DANGER OF MORTAR FIRE ON EKULU COULD CONTINUE,
CONSULATE PERSONNEL IN DANGER AREA WILL BS ALPAWED
RELOCATE AT HOTEL PRESIDENTIAL WHICH WELL OUT OF RANGE.

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S E C R E T 0412 SEP 67. SGD HALLIGAN. COUNTRY: NIGERIA.
SUBJECT: UPDATE CURRENT FMG/EASTERN MIL. SITUATION. DIA
FOR DIACO: CINCSTRIKE FOR STRJ-2-C: DA FOR ACSI.
1. FOLLOWING AVAIL FROM ARMY HQ THIS MORNING (30 SEP):
A. ENUGU FRONT: MOVEMENT FEDERAL FORCES DIRECTION ENUGU
CONTINUES. BECAUSE OVERALL SIGNIFICANCE BATTLE, ADVANCE
SLOW AND DELIBERATE WITH EMPHASIS ON SEIZURE ALL SIGNIFICANT
TERRAIN FEATURES ON MAIN AXIS. FEDERAL ADVANCE WHICH NOT
REPEAT NOT ON MAIN ROADS. RATHER, FROM POINT SOUTH ABOR
COMPLEX VILLAGES ROUTE THREE (APPROX THREE AND ONE HALF

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MILES NORTH NINE MILE CORNER) FEDERAL TROOPS MOVING GENERALLY
SOUTH EAST ALONG RIDGES AND SECONDARY ROADS IN DIRECTION
ENUGU. THIS MAKES FOR SLOW PROGRESS, BUT AS ADVANCE TIED
DIRECTLY CONTROL KEY TERRAIN, IT BELIEVED ANY ATTEMPTED
DISLODGE FEDERAL FORCES FROM HEIGHTS NORTH AND WEST OF
ENUGU WOULD BE "MOST DIFFICULT". (THIS INFO COMPATIBLE
WITH ENUGU REPORTS MORTAR SHELLING EKULU LAYOUT (NORTH

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EAST SUBURB ENUGU PROPER). ASSUMING RANGE FEDERAL 81MM MORTARS APPROX 4000 YARDS, DETAILED STUDY MAPS HERE INDICATES IT QUITE FEASIBLE FEDERAL TROOPS BE GENERALLY

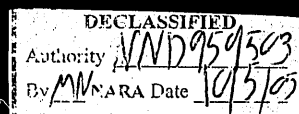
WITHIN MORTAR RANGE NORTHERN SUBURBS FROM AXIS ADVANCE INDICATED ABOVE). (FURTHER SUBSTANTIATION GENERAL LOCATION FEDERAL FORCES WITH RESPECT ENUGU FROM COLONEL HASSAN KATSINA THROUGH DEFENSE ADVISOR U.K. HIGH COMMISSION, LAGOS, WHO TALKED HASSAN LAGOS 30 SEP. HASSAN ALLEGES HE STOOD ON HEIGHTS OVERLOOKING ENUGU 28 SEP. HASSAN SAID FEDERAL FORCES FIRM CONTROL ALL KEY TERRAIN EAST AND WEST ROUTE THREE (THUS ROAD ITSELF) FROM VILLAGE UKEHE (0639N 0725E) SOUTH TO ABOR COMPLEX VILLAGES. NORTH OF UKEHE, FEDERAL FORCES ACTUALLY CONTROL ALL KEY ROAD JUNCTIONS

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WITH ARMORED VEHICLES AND STRONG POINTS. HASSAN THOUGHT FIGHT FOR ENUGU "COULD BE ROUGH", BUT SEEMED COMPLETELY CONFIDENT FEDERAL FORCES WOULD TAKE ENUGU IN OWN DELIBERATE FASHION), B. MID-WEST: NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE SITUATION. ENUGU FORCE DEFENSIVE EFFORTS CONTINUE STRONG IN GENERAL PERIMETER EAST AGBOR (WHICH UNDER FEDERAL "CONTROL") UMUTU (0555N 0612E) (RATHER THAN UMUTE (0602N 0629E) PREVIOUSLY REPORTED) AND KWALE.

2. NAVAL ACTIVITY: NO SIGNIFICANT MOVEMENT NAVAL VESSELS FROM APAPA BASE. SLOWEST OF VESSELS WHICH COULD BE EXPECTED PARTICIPATE AMPHIB OPERATION (LCT LOKOJA AND SURVEY VESSEL PENELOPE) STILL APAPA. COMMERCIAL SOURCE, HOWEVER, REPORTS FARREL LINES COASTER "WARIGI" UNDER NIGERIAN NAVY CHARTER, HAS SAILING ORDERS FOR LATE 01 OR EARLY 02 OCTOBER. NOTIFIED BE PREPARED HANDLE 600 TO 1000 TROOPS PLUS OTHER CARGO. DESTINATION NOT SPECIFIED, BUT SOURCE BELIEVES BONNY LIKELY LOCATION. DATT BELIEVES COULD ALSO BE CALABAR AREA, ALTHOUGH STAGING FOR OPERATION COULD WELL BE BONNY). (KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCE OF AMCONSUL, KADUNA, TOLD CONSUL 29 SEP THAT WORD FROM SOUTH-EAST STATE IS FMG

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ATTACK CALABAR "EXPECTED" SOMETIME WEEK OCT 1-7).
3. MISCELLANEOUS: DURING CONVERSATION DEFENSE ADVISOR AND
HASSAN, REFERRED TO ABOVE, HASSAN SAID "INFO OUT OF EAST"
INDICATES FALL BACK CAPITOL FOR DEFENSE EAST CENTRAL STATE
LIKELY BE SET UP GENERAL AREA VILLAGE ABIRIBA (0538N 0742E)
APPROX TWENTY STRAIGHT LINE MILES NORTHEAST UMUHIA. HASSAN
SAID THIS IN HEART BUSH COUNTRY.

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IN REPLY ATTACK ON USG BY FMG OWNED MORNING POST (LAGOS 3093 NOTAL),
PAO SENT FOL LETTER TO EDITOR POST WITH COPY TO INFO COMMISSIONER
ENAHORO. QTE:

A. FEATURE IN MORNING POST TODAY ENTITLED SUBQTE AMERICAN MIL
STORE IN GHANA UNSUBQTE CONTAINS FALSE, MALICIOUS AND OFFENSIVE
ACCUSATIONS AGAINST UNITED STATES WHICH I FEEL OBLIGED PROTEST.

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B. EDITORS OF POST, AND RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS OF FMG, ARE WELL
AWARE OF FACT USG HAS NO MILITARY STORES IN GHANA OR ANYWHERE ELSE
IN WEST AFRICA, AND THAT US DOES NOT SUPPLY AND HAS NOT SUPPLIED
ANY WAR MATERIALS TO ODUMEGWU OJUKWU OR HIS FOLLOWERS.

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C. ALTHOUGH SUCH LIES AS THESE DO NOT SURPRISE ANYONE WHEN THEY
COME FROM RADIO MOSCOW OR OTHER COMMUNIST SOURCES WHICH ARE ANXIOUS
TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM FACT MAJORITY OF OJUKWU'S ARMS ACTUALLY ARE
OF CZECHOSLOVAK ORIGIN, THEY ILL ASSORT WITH NEWSPAPER THAT SPEAKS
FORM FMH UNQUOTE
HUTCHINSON

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S E C R E T LONDON 2460

SUBJ: NIGERIA: NEW PEACE EFFORT BY COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT

1. DEPUTY SYG OF COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT (YAW ADU)
INFORMS US THAT ARNOLD SMITH IS MAKING NEW EFFORT TO
INTEREST FMG IN ENGAGING IN DIRECT TALKS WITH ENUGU.
SMITH TODAY (SEPT 29) IS SENDING LETTER TO GOWON
VIA HICOMER OGUNDIPE PROPOSING THAT FMG USE GOOD

PAGE 2 RUDYCR 2460 S E C R E T
OFFICES OF CS TO CONTACT BIAFRAN AUTHORITIES AND
SEE WHETHER THERE IS BASIS FOR TALKS TO END CONFLICT.

① 2. SMITH REALIZES THAT OAU INITIATIVE IS STILL
ALIVE, THOUGH LOOKING FEEBLE AT MOMENT. HE DOES NOT
THINK HOWEVER THAT NEW EFFORT BY CS CONFLICTS WITH
OAU MISSION. ACCORDING TO ADU, SMITH MAKES CLEAR IN
HIS LETTER TO GOWAN THAT CS CHANNELS ARE AVAILABLE

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TO FMG AS SUPPLEMENT TO AOU CHANNELS IF GOWAN
WISHES TO EMPLOY THEM.

3. ADU THINKS IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL IF
EMBASSY LAGOS COULD ENCOURAGE FMG TO CONSIDER
ADVANTAGES OF BEGINNING QUIET CONTACTS WITH
ENUGU. IDEA WOULD BE FOR EMBASSY LAGOS TO POINT
OUT TO FMG AT HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVEL THAT
TIME FOR MAGNANIMITY HAD COME AND FMG HAD NOTHING
TO LOSE BY COMMUNICATING GENEROUS TERMS TO ENUGU

PAGE 3 RUDTCR S E C R E T
THROUGH SOME RELIABLE PRIVATE CHANNEL. THIS OF
COURSE WOULD BE DONE WITHOUT SPECIFIC REFERENCE
TO CS GOOD OFFICES OR TO ARNOLD SMITH'S COMMUNICATIONS
WITH GOWAN.

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SUBJ: FINANCE PERMANENT SECRETARY ON CURRENT NIGERIAN SITUATION

REF: A-183 OCT 1 *FN 12 Niger*
TR FN 3 Trinidad

1. REPAIR TRANSMITS TEXT OF SPEECH MADE BY PERMSEC, MINFIN,
ATTA, TO COMMONWEALTH FINANCE MINISTERS MEETING SEPT 20 AT TRINIDAD.
SALIENT POINTS FOLLOW.

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CHIEF EFFECT OF POLITICAL CRISIS HAS BEEN REDUCTION IN
INFLOW FOREIGN CAPITAL WHICH IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE IN 1967.
OVERALL PICTURE FOR 1967 IMPLIES SOME FURTHER LEVELING OFF IN
ECONOMIC ACTIVITY. TO DATE WAR HAS BEEN FINANCED BY
REDUCTION IN GOVERNMENT RECURRENT EXPENDITURE AND BY MONETARY
MEANS. "IT WOULD BE NECESSARY, HOWEVER, TAKE CORRECTIVE MEASURES
TO ARREST DETERIORATION IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE SECTOR."

5. NIGERIANS BELIEVE END OF WAR CANNOT BE FAR OFF AND INTEND
DEVOTE THEIR ENERGIES TO RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT IN ORDER
MAKE UP FOR LOST TIME. "WE FURTHER BELIEVE IN PROVIDING SUCCOUR
TO THE VANQUISHED AND THE INNOCENT VICTIMS OF WAR."

6. IN CLOSING, ATTA ACKNOWLEDGED IMPORTANCE CREATING ADDITIONAL
INTERNATIONAL LIQUIDITY AND FAVORED BRITISH MEMBERSHIP IN EEC.

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SUBJ: FURTHER ADVERSE FMG REACTIONS TO GHANA-GAMBIAN
INITIATIVE AT UNGA

REF: LAGOS 2975 *Pol 27 Biafra-Nigeria*

1. FMG HAS CONTINUED REACT NEGATIVELY AND STRONGLY TO
SPEECHES BY HARLEY OF GHANA AND NJIE OF GAMBIA IN UNGA,
SEPT 25.

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2. IN ADDITION ISSUANCE OFFICIAL PRESS RELEASE ENTITLED "ADEBO FROWNS ON REFERENCE TO NIGERIA AT UN, "WHICH GAVE FULL TEXT ADEBO'S REPLY, LAGOS RADI HAS TWICE PLAYED HARD-HITTING NEWS TALK ENTITLED "NIGERIA'S DUBIOUS FRIENDS, GHANA AND GAMBIA."

3. FLAVOR OF TALK CLEAR FROM FOLLOWING EXCERPTS: "SINCE CRISIS IN NIGERIA BEGAN, ALL GHANA NEWSPAPERS HAVE BEEN GIVING DISTORTED VERSIONS OF EVENTS IN NIGERIA. PAPERS HAVE BEEN SUGGESTING RECENTLY A NEGOTIATED PEACE, WHICH, IF ACCEPTED, WILL AMOUNT TO ACCEPTING OJUKWU'S REBELLION. ALL ALONG IT WAS THOUGHT IN NIGERIA THAT PAPERS WERE EXPRESSING OPINIONS NOT SHARED BY GHANA GOVERNMENT."

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BUT FACT THAT HARLLEY ATTEMPTED TAKE STAND WHICH OBVIOUSLY HAS HIS GOVERNMENT'S BACKING PUTS WHOLE ISSUE OF GHANA'S ATTITUDE IN DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE. POSES MORE THAN EVER QUESTION OF ACCEPTABILITY OF GENERAL ANKRAH AS MEMBER OF HEADS OF STATE MISSION WHO COMING CONSULT NIGERIA ON THE CRISIS." "WHAT IS HAPPENING NOW LEADS GENUINE FRIENDS OF NIGERIA TO WONDER WHAT THE GENERAL WAS ACTUALLY UP TO AT ABURI. PAINFUL CONCLUSION IS THAT ANKRAH WAS IN FACT WANTING TO PRESIDE OVER DISINTEGRATION OF NIGERIA, A COUNTRY GHANA ALWAYS ENVIE FOR ITS SIZE AND POTENTIALS." "IS ANKRAH TRYING TO TAKE OFF WHERE NKRUMAH ENDED? CERTAINLY CHAIRMAN OF GHANA'S NLC WILL NOT WANT TO GO SAME WAY AS DICTATOR HE HELPED OVERTHROW."

4. NEWS TALK CALLED THE GAMBIA A "MICROBE OF A STATE" AND WONDERED WHY LEADERS OF COUNTRY UNABLE MAINTAIN OFFICE AT UN WOULD WANT TO ENGAGE IN SUBVERSION ELSEWHERE. "THIS IS CLEARLY CWME OF AN ANT WANTING TO GIVE A LESSON ABOUTSURVIVAL TO A FULLY GROWN ELEPHANT." ANOTHER EXTREME STATEMENT: "NIGERIA IS TOO BIG A BONE FOR TWO

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SMALL DOGS TO TOY WITH. AFRICA AND WORLD HAVE SEEN AND
ACCEPTED NIGERIA'S TEMPORARY PROBLEM AS STRICTLY
INTERNAL."

5. COMMENT. VIRULENCE THIS NEWS TALK MAKES IT PERFECTLY
CLEAR FMG IN NO MOOD FOR KIND OF REMARKS MADE AT
UNGA AND WISHES TO FORESTALL ANY BUT MOST SUPERFICIAL
ACTIVITIES BY OAU MISSION. ANOTHER NOTEWORTHY ASPECT
IS INSINUATION OF FOREIGN INSTIGATION (PERHAPS MEANING
USG) IN STATEMENT "IT CAN NOT BE RULED OUT THAT GHANA
AND GAMBIA ARE BEING USED BY UNFRIENDLY FOREIGN POWERS
TO ACHIEVE THEIR SELFISH OBJECTIVE IN NIGERIA!"
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1. Department has learned that, in reply query received from his Ambassador in Lagos, President Diori yesterday sent message confirming his readiness be in Lagos October 5 for meeting of OAU consultative committee with FMG, even should General Ankrah be unable attend and send someone else to represent him.

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Philip Cook (Newsweek) in call on ~~XXX~~ Trimble ~~claim~~ claimed have possession through Biafran sources Ojukwu-Palmer letter containing charge Amb Mathews and British counseled Gowon not remove FMG to Zaria. Cook asked if charge true. Trimble replied it ~~was~~ without shred of fact whatever. In answer question whether reply intended, Trimble, without admitting existence such letter, said we would never correspond with Ojukwu, whose government we do not recognize, opined it seemed hardly in Ojukwu's interest publicize such a charge which we would then certainly be forced publicly deny.

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1: FOLLOWING FROM C.C. MOJEKWU AT 0800Z SEPT 29:

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A: FEDERAL TROOPS ARE ON AFA/EKE ROAD WHICH WEST OF
MAIN NSUFKA/ENUGU ROAD. FRONT HAS BEEN STATIC FOR PAST
THREE DAYS AND EXPECTED REMAIN SO FOR SEVERAL DAYS MORE
AFTER WHICH IT HOPED REGROUPED BIAFRAN FORCES CAN BEGIN
PUSHING FEDERALS BACK. BIAFRAN GUERRILLAS OPERATING IN

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NSUKKA/OPI ARE WITH MISSION HARRASS FEDERAL SUPPLY LINES.

B. BIAFRAN ARMY MORALE SLOWLY RECOVERING FROM EFFECT RECENT SERIES OF REVERSES. SOLDIERS WHO HAD BEEN WILLING TO FIGHT BUT WHO HAD BEEN ORDERED NOT TO ARE BEGINNING REGAIN CONFIDENCE FOLLOWING REVELATIONS OF BANJO/IFEAJUNA PLOT. BIAFRAN MILITIA ARE BECOMING IMPORTANT FACTOR IN CONDUCT OF WAR; THEY HIGHLY MOTIVATED AND COMBAT EXPERIENCE MAKING THEM INCREASINGLY EFFECTIVE. EVEN ARMY COMMANDERS NOW CALLING FOR MILITIA WHOM THEY ONCE DISDAINED.

C. DECISION MADE BY BIAFRAN WAR COUNCIL TO STAND AND FIGHT IN ENUGU IF IT COMES TO THIS. MINISTRIES NOT ESSENTIAL TO WAR EFFORT MOVING RECORDS AND PERSONNEL TO SAFE HAVENS.

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(LOSS OF VIRTUALLY ALL UNIVERSITY RECORDS IN NSUKKA TAUGHT COSTLY LESSON) BUT BIAFRAN GOVT WILL NOT RPT NOT ABANDON ENUGU. HOWEVER WAR COUNCIL DOES NOT RPT NOT EXPECT FIGHTING TO REACH ENUGU. SPORADIC MORTAR FIRE ON NORTH EDGE OF CITY PROBABLY FROM ISOLATED FEDERAL CREWS ON TOP OF ESCARPMENT. THEY HARD TO FIND BECAUSE THEY SHIFTING CONSTANTLY, BUT MILITIA BEING SENT IN TO COMB AREA. THERE ARE NO SIZEABLE FEDERAL TROOPS WITHING MORTAR RANGE OF ENUGU HOWEVER.

D. OJUKWU GOVT NOT RPT NOT PARTICULARLY CONCERNED BY GOWON APPEALS TO IBOS TO REMOVE OJUKWU WHO ONLY BARRIER TO PEACE. CAREFUL SOUNDINGS REPEATEDLY MADE OF PUBLIC OPINION AND GOVT SATISFIED THAT PUBLIC SUPPORTS CONTINUATION RESISTANCE AGAINST FEDERAL ARMY. PUBLIC REGARDS FIGHT AS ONE FOR LITERAL SURVIVAL, BELIEVES FEDERAL VICTORY WOULD BE END OF IBOS SINCE THERE NO PLACE LEFT TO RUN IF BIAFRA CONQUERED.

2. COMMENT: MOJEKWU WHO A VERY TOUGH INDIVIDUAL WAS

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NEVERTHELESS MORE CONFIDENT THAN I EXPECTED HIM TO BE IN
LIGHT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS. ALTHOUGH HIS MANNER AND
COMMENTS WERE SOBER AND REALISTIC, THERE WAS NO SIGN OF
MAN FACING IMMINENT DISASTER. SINCE MOJEKWU A MEMBER OF
INNER CIRCLE WHO SHOULD KNOW WHAT GOING ON, I CAN ONLY
CONCLUDE THERE STILL MUCH FIGHTING LEFT IN THIS WAR.
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RAF: IBADAN 198

1. REF UNINFO REPORTS VIOLENTLY ANTI-WEST ARTICLE IN
SEPT 29 IBADAN NIGERIAN TRIBUNE USING SOMEWHAT CONFUSED
BLOC-TYPE PHRASEOLOGY AND INTER ALIA ATTACKING PEACE CORPS
ON FAMILIAR GROUNDS.

2. WISH TO POINT OUT THAT SINCE MY CONVERSATION WITH
MILGV ADEBAYO
(IBADAN 177) THERE HAS BEEN VERY LITTLE ANTI-
AMERICAN MATERIAL IN WESTERN GOVT-OWNED SKETCH AND THAT ARTICLE
QUOTED IS NOT TYPICAL OF TRIBUNE'S RECENT OUTPUT.

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MIGHT ADD THAT ADEBAYO IS GIVING FAREWELL LUNCH TO
WESTERN PC DIRECTOR RYAN ON OCT 4.

3. THUS, WHILE TRIBUNE ARTICLE SHOWS SEEDS OF BLOC.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 3044

SUBJ: OAU MISSION TO NIGERIA

1. ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR DAWIT ABDU TOLD AMBASSADOR LAST

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NIGHT THAT ANOTHER MEETING WITH COMMISSIONER EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS ARIKPO YESTERDAY HAD NOT SETTLED TIMING OF OAU
MISSION TO NIGERIA. ARIKPO REAFFIRMED FMG OPINION THAT SINCE
OAU RESOLUTION NAMED ONLY HEADS OF STATE IF ANKRAH CAN
NOT COME NO ONE ELSE SHOULD COME FROM GHANA. EVENTUALLY

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ARIKPO AGREED ASK OTHER FIVE HEADS OF STATE BY CABLE WHETHER THEY WILLING COME OCTOBER 5 IF GHANA REPRESENTED BY HARLEY INSTEAD ANKRAH. DAWIT SUSPECTS ARIKPO MAY NOT DO THIS SWIFTLY BECAUSE FMG IS IN NO HURRY TO SEE OAU MISSION ARRIVE IN LAGOS.

2. DAWIT YESTERDAY ALSO SAW GOWON, WHO APPEARED OPEN-MINDED BUT DID NOT COMMIT HIMSELF. GOWON SAID IF FIVE HEADS OF STATE WILLING PARTICIPATE WITH HARLEY PRESENT INSTEAD OF ANKRAH THEN HE (GOWON) WOULD CONSIDER MATTER WITH HIS ADVISERS.

3. DAWIT SAID NIGER AMBASSADOR TOLD HIM AFTERNOON SEPT 28 (WHICH WOULD BE AFTER LAGOS 2996 WAS SENT ON BEHALF NIGER AMBASSADOR) THAT HE THOUGHT DIORI SHOULD NOT COME ON

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OCT 5 BECAUSE PROSPECTS FOR MEETING ARE SO UNCERTAIN. NIGER AMBASSADOR SAID HE TRYING TELEPHONE DIORI IN US TO ADVISE HIM CONTINUE HIS US TRIP WITHOUT INTERRUPTION.

4. DAWIT ALSO SAID IF OAU MISSION DOES NOT ARRIVE OCTOBER 5 THEN IT WOULD NOT BE ABLE COME UNTIL PERIOD OCTOBER 24 TO 31 FOR VARIOUS REASONS (PRESUMABLY INCLUDING AHIDJO'S TRIP TO EUROPE BEGINNING OCTOBER 8).
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MOFA AMERICAN HEAD AYALEW MANDEFRO TOLD POL COUNS THAT
DESPITE APPARENT RELUCTANCE NIGERIANS TO RECEIVE OAU MISSION

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AND DIFFICULTY OF SETTING TIME FOR MISSION'S VISIT CONVENIENT
ALL AROUND, EMPEROR WITHOUT INSISTING WILL MAKE
EVERY EFFORT CARRY THROUGH WITH MISSION IN MAIN INTEREST
PRESERVING PRESTIGE OF OAU. HOWEVER, IN VIEW IEG'S UNDER-
STANDING FMG MORE THAN A LITTLE SUSPICIOUS OF GHANAIAN

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 3064

SUBJECT: OAU MISSION TO NIGERIA

REF: LAGOS 2700 (NOTAL)

1. COMMISSIONER FOR EXTAFF ARIKPO THIS MORNING GAVE
ME REPORT ON SITUATION RE OAU MISSION WHICH DIFFERED

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SOMEWHAT FROM THAT PROVIDED YESTERDAY BY ETHIOPIAN
AMBASSADOR (LAGOS 3044). ARIKPO SAID OCT 5 ARRIVAL

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OF MISSION DEPENDED ON PROMPT AGREEMENT OTHERWISE
HEADUOF STATE TO SUBSTITUTION HARLLEY FOR ANKRAH AS
GHANIAN REPRESENTATIVE. HE SAID NIGER AMBASSADOR
HAD ALREADY REPORTED PRESIDENT DIORI AGREED, BUT FMG
WAS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT EMPEROR'S REACTION,
FEARING HE MIGHT DECLINE PARTICIPATE IF MISSION DOWN-

GRADED BY SUBSTITUTE FOR ANKRAH. I GAINED IMPRESSION
THAT FMG WOULD NOT RECEIVE MISSION

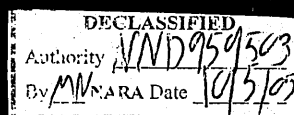
WITHOUT EMPEROR,
BUT IF EMPEROR AGREED, FMG WOULD GO ALONG WITH
SUBSTITUTE FOR ANKRAH. ARIKPO INDICATED THAT HE
WOULD LIKE TO SEE MISSION COME OCT. 5 RATHER THAN
LATER. HE YESTERDAY TOLD HEADS OF SIX MISSIONS
INVOLVED THAT IF MISSION DID NOT COME OCT. 5, EARLIEST
PRACTICABLE TIME THEREAFTER FOR FMG WOULD BE BETWEEN
OCT. 24 AND 31. OVDNE OR MORE HEADS OF STATE APPARENTLY
ALREADY HAD COMMITMENTS THAT PERIOD AND DISCUSSIONR
ALTERNATIVE DATES REVEALED IT MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE
TO GET MISSION TO NIGERIA BEFORE MID-NOVEMBER.

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2. ARIKPO APPARENTLY DOUBTS MISSION WILL BE ABLE TO
ORGANIZE ITSELF FOR OCT. 5 ARRIVAL AS HE PLANNING
DEPART OCT. 1 FOR NEW YORK VIA LONDON.

3. ARIKPO COMMENTED THAT ANKRAH HAD BEEN ANGRY WITH
FMG BECAUSE MISSION HAD BEEN UNABLE COME TO LAGOS
SEPTEMBER 27. HE SAID ANKRAH APPARENTLY HAD NOT
REALIZED THAT IT WAS CAMEROON AND NIGER WHOSE PRESIDENTS
HAD OTHER COMMITMENTS WHICH HAD SCUTTLED SEPTEMBER 27
PROPOSAL. FMG, HE CLAIMED, HAD BEEN PREPARED RECEIVE
MISSION THAT DATE AND HAD MADE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS
FOR HOUSING, TRANSPORT, ETC. HE
THOUGHT NEW NIGERIAN HICOM TO GHANA HAD BY NMN
EXPLAINED FACTS TO ANKRAH. ARIKPO MADE REMARKABLE
STATEMENT, NOT SUPPORTED BY ANY OTHER INFORMATION

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AVAILABLE TO THIS EMBASSY, THAT HE BELIEVED ANKRAH HAD INTENDED IF SEPTEMBER 27 MEETING HAD TAKEN PLACE TO URGE OJUKWU TO LEAVE NIGERIA AND TO OFFER TO ARRANGE HIS DEPARTURE.

4. I ASKED ARIKPO WHAT ROLE FMG NOW CONTEMPLATED FOR OAU MISSION. HE REPLIED HE THOUGHT MISSION COULD

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MAKE CONTACT AND ACT AS INTERMEDIARIES WITH EASTERNERS WILLING TO RESCIND SECESSION AND END HOSTILITIES. WHEN I REFERRED TO FMG CONDITION THAT OJUKWU MUST GO, ARIKPO COMMENTED THATSSN UNLIKELY EVENT OJUKWU WILLING RENOUNCE SECESSION, FMG WOULD PROBABLY NOT OBJECT TO HIS INCLUSION AMONG EASTERNERS WITH WHOM MISSION COULD MAKE CONTACT. MISSION COULD ALSO PROVIDE OBSERVERS FOR CEASE FIRE AND DISARMING OF REBELS. IN LONGER TERM, ARIKPO BELIVED FMG WOULD AGREE TO MISSION HAVING OBSERVERS PRESENT AT SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN FMG AND EASTERNERS AND AT ALL-NIGERIA CONFERENCE OR CONVENTIONS TO DECIDE FUTURE CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS. ARIKPO SEEMS ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO THIS LONGER TERM FUNCTION AS HE TOLD ME THAT WHEN SOME DIPLOMATS AT MEETING YESTERDAY DOUBTED VALUE OF MISSION VISIT AS LATE AS END OCTOBER, HE HAD ARGUED MISSION COULD EVEN THEN PLAY USEFUL ROLE. GP=3.
MATHEWS.

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SUBJECT: GOWON'S APPEAL TO "PEOPLE AND TROOPS OF EAST

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CENTRAL STATE"

1. HEAD OF FMG, MAJOR GENVERAL GOWON, AGAIN APPEALED
TO PEOPLE OF EAST CENTRAL STATE TO CALL OFF WAR AND FIND A
NEW LEADER WHILE REITERATING THAT WAR IS NOT RPT NOT AGAINST

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IBO PEOPLE. FOLLOWING KEY EXCERPTS FMLBPRESS RELEASE WHICH BEING BROADCAST REPEATEDLY BY NIGERIAN RADIOS TODAY:

2. "FMG APPEALS SOLEMNLY TO YOU ALL FOR DECISIVE ACTION AGAINST OJUKWU-- THE ONLY BARRIER BETWEEN PEACE AND PEOPLE OF NIGERIA".

3. "FMG FORCES DECLARED TOTAL WAR ON OJUKWU BUT WAR IS AGAINST OJUKWU, NOT AGAINST IBOS".

4. "FMG REALIZES WAR MEANS UNTOLD MISERY AND HARDSHIP...IS ALSO ANXIOUS NOT RPT NOT PROLONG SUFFERING OF PEOPLE DAY LONGER THAN NECESSARY".

5. "NEW LEADER MUST BE FOUND REPRESENT PEOPLE IN PLACE OF OJUKWU. YOU MUST RISE UP TO SAVE YOUR LOVED ONES AND HOMES FROM CONSEQUENCES OF OJUKWU'S HITLERITE AMBITION".

6. FMG RECOGNIZES "GENERALLY OF IBOS AS NIGERIANS EQUAL IN ALL RESPECTS TO ALL OTHER ETHNIC GROUPS IN FEDERATION".

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FEDERAL TROOPS HAVE INSTRUCTIONS NOT RPT NOT TO MOLEST CIVILIANS OR ANYONE WHO IS NOT HOSTILE TO THEM. RECENTLY IT WAS SHOWN THAT OVER 17,000 IBOS STILL PEACEFULLY RESIDING IN LAGOS ALONE. MANY MORE LIVE ELSEWHERE. NIGERIA IS WAITING ANXIOUSLY TO RECEIVE YOU ALL WITH OPEN ARMS".

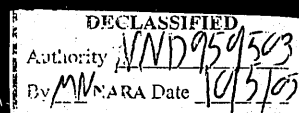
7. "NUMBER OF LIVES LOST AND LENGTH OF MILITARY OPERATIONS DEPENDS LARGELY ON YOUR REACTION. IBOS AS WELL AS OTHER NIGERIAN CITIZENS IN EAST CENTRAL STATE MUST RISE UP LIKE ONE MAN AGAINST OJUKWU".

8. "THROW HIM OUT! LAY DOWN YOUR ARMS, NOT YOUR LIVES! CALL OFF THE FIGHT!"

9. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH SOME JOURNALISTS WHO HAVE SHOWN ONLY PRO-BIAFRAN BIAS ARE SKEPTICAL OVERALL

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REACTION AMONG JOURNALISTIC AND DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY
IS THAT GOWON HAS STRUCK RIGHT CONCILIATORY NOTE TOWARDS
IBOS AT THIS TIME. IT IS THEME WHICH DESERVES ENCOURAGE-
MENT.
DECON UPON RECEIPT.
MATHEWS.

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SUBJECT: UPDATE CURRENT FMG/EASTERN MIL SITUATION. DIA
FOR DIACO. CINCSRIKE FOR STRU2-C. DA FOR ACS1.

1. FOLLOWING AVAIL FROM SOURCES ARMY HQ THIS MORNING
(29 SEP):

A. ENUGU SECTOR: NO FIRM INFO ON PROGRESS FEDERAL TROOPS.
ENUGU FORCE DEFENSES BEING STRENGTHENED MILLIKAN HILL AREA.
B. AREA SOUTH IKOM: FEDERAL FORCES STILL MOVING SLOW SOUTH
DIRECTION CALABAR. SOURCES ATTRIBUTE SLOW PROGRESS TO FACT
WEATHER HU DETERIORATED THIS AREA AND HEAVY RAINS HAVE BEEN

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FALLING.
C. MID-WEST: TWO DIV HQ MOVED EAST FROM BENIN TOWARD AGBOR.
INTENTION WAS TO SET UP IN AGBOR. SOURCES, HOWEVER, BELIEVE
SOME FIGHTING STILL TAKING PLACE GENERAL AREA AGBOR AND

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HQ NOT ESTABLISHED THERE AS YET. ON 28 SEP COMMERCIAL SOURCES AWARRI BELIEVED ELEMENTS FEDERAL TROOPS MAY HAVE ENTERED ASABA. SOURCES ARMY HQ, HOWEVER, BELIEVE FAIRLY HEAVY FIGHTING STILL RAGING GENERAL AREA WEST AND SOUTH ASABA WITH FIGHTING REPORTED IN KWALE (0540N 0625E) AND UMUTE (0602N 0629E) AREAS SSW ASABA.

D. BONNY: REF PAR 1B, MY 0408 SEP. FEDERAL REINFORCEMENTS FROM ESCRAVOS ARRIVED BONNY 281200 SEP LOCAL. FRIGATE NIGERIA REINFORCED AT BONNY BY SDB'S KADUNA AND BENIN. SOURCES BELIEVE THREAT TO FEDERAL POSITIONS BONNY NOW CONTAINED.

E. ESCRAVOS: DATT COMMERCIAL SOURCE REPORTS THAT GULF TANK FARM AREA NOW FULLY SET UP AS TRAINING/STAGING AREA. HEAVY RAINS DELAYING WORK EXTENSION AIRSTRIP.

2. AIR ACTIVITY: DUZPDETERIORATION WEAHTER AND LOW CLOUD BASE OVER POTENTIAL TARGET AREAS NAF FORCED CANCEL MANY

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PLANNED SORTIES.

3. NAVAL ACTIVITY: CLOSE WATCH APAPA YAR
OBEING MAINTAINED.

AS VESSELS SUCH AS LCT LOKOJA SURVEY VESSEL PENELOPE, WHICH SERV AS COMMAND VESSEL, REQUIRED APPROX FIFTY HOURS VOYAGE TIME FROM LAGOS TO CALABAR AREA, BEST INDICATIONS POSSIBLE TIMING ANY CONTEMPLATED OPERATION IRHAT AREA WILL COME FROM TIME THEIR DEPARTURE LAGOS. THESE VESSELS STILL INSIORT MID-DAY TODAY. GP-3.

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LONDON PASS TO CO FROM UKDHC PARKER

REF: UKHICOM LAGOS 2989 MESSAGE.

1. WILL ATTEMPT GET OFFICIAL COORDINATION IN RESTORING COMMUNICATION BUT DO NOT RPT NOT REGARD REDIFON POSSIBLE.
2. WILLIAMS FULLY BRIEFED TO DISCUSS SITUATION IN LONDON.
3. WE ARE WELL AND TENSION RELAXING A LITTLE. STEADY DRIFT EXPATRIATES FROM ENUGU. END.
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1. REPORTS FROM ACTION ADDRESSEES REFTEL ON ATTITUDE THEIR
HOST GOVERNMENTS INDICATE THAT SOME GIVING LESS THAN TOP
PRIORITY AND ENTHUSIASM TO PARTICIPATION OAU MISSION TO
NIGERIA. LAGOS HAS REPORTED FMG RESISTANCE TO EARLY ARRIVAL
OF MISSION AND INSISTENCE THAT MISSION HAS NO MEDIATORY
FUNCTION.

2. MEANWHILE, SINCE RESOLUTION ON NIGERIA ADOPTED AT
KINSHASA, FMG HAS MADE SIGNIFICANT MILITARY GAINS AND
OJUKWU REGIME IN ENUGU IS SHOWING SIGNS OF SERIOUS INTERNAL

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STRESS. FMG NOT UNREASONABLY BELIEVES THAT IT CAN SOON END
OUJWU REGIME'S CONTROL OF MOST IF NOT ALL FORMER EASTERN REGION.

3. IN LIGHT FOREGOING CIRCUMSTANCES, MANY ASKING WHAT USEFUL
ROLE IF ANY OAU MISSION CAN PLAY. I BELIEVE THAT IF MISSION
MADE CLEAR TO FMG IT WOULD STAY WITHIN TERMS OF REFERENCE
OAU RESOLUTION AND EMPHASIZED ITS DESIRE TO ASSIST FMG
IN RESTORING UNITY AND PEACE THROUGHOUT COUNTRY, MISSION
COULD BE HELPFUL AND FMG WOULD ACCEPT ITS HELP.

4. FOCUS OF OAU EFFORT SHOULD BE TO PREVENT PROTRACTED

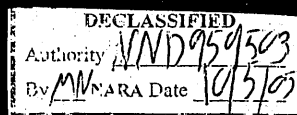
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GUERRILLA WARFARE WHICH WOULD RESULT IN GREAT LOSS OF LIFE
IN EAST CENTRAL STATE AND INHIBIT RETURN TO NORMAL CONDITIONS
AND RESUMED ECONOMIC PROGRESS IN ALL OF NIGERIA. ON REASONABLE
ASSUMPTION THAT BY OCTOBER 5, WHEN MISSION SCHEDULED ARRIVE
LAGOS, FMG WILL HAVE MADE FURTHER MILITARY GAINS, MISSION
COULD BY ITSELF OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH GOWON CALL UPON REBELS
TO LAY DOWN ARMS AND END USELESS STRUGGLE. BY AGREEMENT WITH
FMG, MISSION WOULD ALSO OFFER SERVICES OF OAU TO PROVIDE
PERSONNEL TO OBSERVE SEPARATION OF FORCES, COLLECTION OF ARMS
AND ESTABLISHMENT INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS TO MAINTAIN LAW AND
ORDER IN EAST CENTRAL STATE AND POSSIBLY IBO INHABITED AREAS
IN ADJACENT STATES. UNSPOKEN IMPLICATION WOULD BE THAT PRESENCE
OAU PERSONNEL WOULD MARKEDLY LESSEN DANGER OF SLAUGHTER OF
IBOS.

5. I AM IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH DEPT'S POSITION THAT
USG MUST NOT EVEN APPEAR TO BE GUIDING HAND BEHIND OAU
MISSION. HENCE, I DEFINITELY AM NOT RPT NOT SUGGESTING
THAT USG SHOULD OFFER PLAN TO MISSION. IF DEPT APPROVES
HOWEVER, I WOULD HOPE THAT EMBASSIES TO SIX GOVERNMENTS
MEMBERS OF MISSION COULD DISCREETLY DROP HINT ALONG LINE

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6. RE STATE 43757 I STRONGLY ENDORSE DEPT'S DECISION TO REFUSE PRIVATE US PLANE TO BRING MOBUTU TO LAGOS. THIS WOULD ONLY REVIVE SUSPICIONS USG BEHIND OAU ACTION AND PREJUDICE USEFULNESS OF MISSION.

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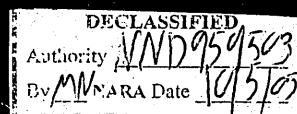
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I WISH TO OFFER MY SERVICES WITH REGARD TO SITUATION IN
NIGERIA. I AM OLD FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE OF MAJOR ALBERT OKONKWO,
LEADER OF NEW REPUBLIC OF BENIN. DR. OKONKWO AND I WORKED TO-
GETHER IN 1962-1963 ON CHEST MEDICAL SERVICE AT BELLEVUE
HOSPITAL IN NEW YORK CITY, WHERE HE WAS RESIDENT AND MY
IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR FOR TWO MONTHS DURING MY INTERNSHIP. HE
REMAINED IN NEW YORK FOR ANOTHER YEAR THEREAFTER, DURING WHICH
TIME I SAW HIM INFREQUENTLY, SINCE I HAD MOVED TO NEW HAVEN,
AND HE SUBSEQUENTLY RETURNED TO NIGERIA AS LECTURER IN MEDI-

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CINE AT UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN MEDICAL SCHOOL. IF I MAY BE OF
ANY ASSISTANCE WITH MAJOR OKONKWO, CONTACT ME AT YACHIKAWA
AIR FORCE BASE, EXTENSION 29112 (OFFICE) 94 22643 (RESIDENCE)
CAPTAIN STEVEN G. SILVERBERG, USAF, MC, FV3127350, SEPTEMBER
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Following NY Times editorial Sept 28:

QUOTE It bitterly disappointing OAU mission has postponed arrival Nigeria
six
nearly two wks. Delay could be fatal to efforts of African heads of state
to end war between Federal Government and Ibos of secessionist Biafra.

OAU condemned secession, expressed trust and confidence in FedGovt
and called for preservation territorial integrity and unity of Nigeria.
Under OAU Charter, it could do nothing else. But decision at recent meeting
in Congo put emphasis on restoration peace, not crushing military victory
of Federal forces over rebellious Ibos. Such victory and interminable
military occupation of former Eastern Region it would necessitate would
be almost ~~the~~ worst way imaginable for building peaceful, viable Nigeria.
But it becomes increasingly likely.

Broad terms for settlement have always been clear and are reinforced by
OAU statement on Nigeria. Biafra must give up secession and Ibos must
agree help rebuild Nigerian unity. FedGovt must demonstrate determination

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DEPT PASS IBS NEWS (FOR BACKGROUND ONLY)

1. CONSULATE OFFICER DROVE TO TOP OF MILLIKAN HILL AFTERNOON
SEPTEMBER 28, CALLED ON E.M. UNAKA, PRINCIPAL OF GOVERNMENT
APPROVED SCHOOL AND AN OFFICIAL IN THE ENUGU CIVIL DEFENSE

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ORGANIZATION. UNAKA SAID THE ARTILLERY WHICH FIRED ON ENUGU SEPTEMBER 26 AND 27 WAS BIAFRAN ARTILLERY CONTROLLED BY OFFICERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RECENT ATTEMPTED COUP. ACCORDING TO UNAKA, THE WEAPONS AND MEN WERE LOCATED AND NEUTRALIZED LATE SEPTEMBER 27. (COMMENT: CONSULATE HAS RECEIVED SIMILAR REPORTS FROM OTHER SOURCES OF UNKNOWN RELIABILITY.)

2. UNAKA SAID HE DROVE AS FAR AS UKANA (ON NSUKKA ROAD) SEPTEMBER 27 AND THAT FRIENDS OF HIS DROVE AS FAR AS NSUKKA WITHOUT SEEING FEDERAL FORCES. ACCORDING TO UNAKA, A FEDERAL UNIT OF LESS THAN BATTALION STRENGTH IS ISOLATED WEST OF MAIN ENUGU-NSUKKA ROAD, AND XRNSAFRAN GROUND FORCES ARE PREPARING TO ATTACK THDG. UNAKA ALSO SAID FEDERAL FORCES NEVER PENETRATED SOUTH OF EGEDE AND THAT FEDERAL ARTILLERY HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO REACH SOUTH OF OGHE (SEVERAL MILES NORTH OF NINE-MILE

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(CORNER)).

3. CIVILIAN TRAFFIC WAS MOVING SMOOTHLY ON MILLIKAN HILL AND SEVERAL TRUCK LOADS OF IOZAFRAN TROOPS WERE SEEN CLIMBING THE HILL.

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1. FMG invasion of East from sea will significantly add to military pressures on Ojukwu. If successful, invasion could possibly foreshadow FMG victory, particularly if it able simultaneously to maintain and possibly intensify actions in Nsukka, Ogoja and Ikom areas. On other hand, East's will to resist thus far shows no signs of crumbling, and possibility of stalemate or guerrilla actions for extended period of time remains.

2. In latter event, as casualties mount on both sides and as disastrous consequences of long and bloody struggle become more apparent, it possible that receptivity to outside attempts to mediate may also increase. There almost certainly able men on both ~~sides~~ ~~and~~ ~~both~~ ~~sides~~ who would welcome such step as means avoiding further bloodshed.

3. In light para one above, Dept. recognizes that this not repeat not most propitious moment for any such mediation, particularly from standpoint FMG. If invasion attempt repelled or stalled, however, both sides may reconsider present stance in opposition either direct negotiation or outside mediation.

4. You requested discuss above with appropriate HMG officials. If they agree that subject worth exploring, Department would propose that

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Ambassador and HICOM in Lagos be asked produce joint assessment with emphasis on how best US and UK might stimulate discreetly such mediation measures, either by African states or possibly by Commonwealth Secretariat.

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1. HAVING CONCLUDED DISCUSSION OF LETTER TO PALMER (REFTEL),
I ASKED FOR SITREP, CALLING ATTENTION TO MANY RUMORS ABOUT
THAT FEDERAL TROOPS VERY CLOSE TO ENUGU. OJUKWU REPLIED THAT

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HE STILL LIVING IN STATE HOUSE AND AS I COULD SEE THERE NO PREPARATIONS FOR DEPARTURE NOR WAS COMPOUND UNDER HEAVIER THAN NORMAL GUARD.

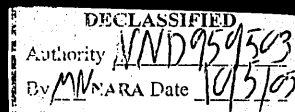
2. THIS LED TO DISCUSSION OF PLOT AND WEEKEND EXECUTIONS. OJUKWU SAID FOUR MEN EXECUTED WERE VICTOR BANJO, EMANUEL IFEAJUNA, PHILIP ALALE AND SAM I. AGBAM (SENIOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY, POLITICAL DIVISION, FONMIN). SAID OTHERS BESIDES THESE FOUR ALSO INVOLVED AND BEING INVESTIGATED. WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE EXECUTED AT THIS TIME IF FOUND GUILTY SINCE HE DID NOT WISH GIVE IMPRESSION HE CONDUCTING BLOOD PURGE. SAID PLOT AGAINST HIM INVOLVED MANY WHO IN JANUARY 15, 1966 PLOT.

3. ACCORDING TO OJUKWU PLOTTERS INTENDED TAKE BRIG. HILARY

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NJOKU INTO CUSTODY AND BRING HIM TO STATE HOUSE UNDER HEAVY ARMED GUARD OSTENSIBLY TO DEMAND OF MILGOV THAT BRIG. NJOKU BE RELIEVED OF COMMAND ON GROUNDS OF INCOMPETENCE. ONCE INSIDE STATE HOUSE NJOKU'S GUARDS WOULD BE USED AGAINST MIL GOV. IFEAJUNA WOULD THEN DECLARE SELF ACTING MILGOV AND OFFER CEASE FIRE ON FMG TERMS. BANJO WOULD GO TO WEST AND REPLACE ADEBEYO. NEXT GOWON WOULD BE REMOVED AND AWOLowo DECLARED PRIME MINISTER OF REUNITED FEDERATION.

4. OJUKWU SAID BANJO, IFEAJUNA AND COMPANY IN TOUCH WITH COCONSPIRATORS LAGOS VIA FACILITIES BRITISH DHC BENIN. I ASKED WHAT EVIDENCE OF THIS AND OJUKWU SAID BANJO A VERY METICULOUS MAN WHO KEPT RECORDS AND NOTES OF EVERYTHING HE DID. OJUKWU SAID BANJO LEFT NOTES INDICATING HE USING BRITISH DHC CHANNELS TO LAGOS. OJUKWU ALSO SAID IFEAJUNA HAD CALLED ON PARKER SEPT. 19 AND WAS ON HIS WAY TO CONSULATE TO SEE ME ABOUT POSSIBLE ASYLUM WHEN HE APPREHENDED. OJUKWU SAID MISTAKE OF PLOTTERS WAS THEY TALKED TOO MUCH, THEIR MOVES TOO CONSPICUOUS AND THEY MADE NOTES WHICH CAME INTO HIS HANDS. AS RESULT CONSPIRATORS UNDER SURVEILLANCE

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FROM EARLY STAGES OF PLOT AND EXISTENCE THEIR PLANS KNOWN
AND CONFIRMED BY SUBSEQUENT EVENTS.

5. I SAID PARKER HAD TOLD ME IFEAJUNA CALL HAD BEEN MADE WITHOUT PRIOR APPOINTMENT AND THAT ACCORDING PARKER AS SOON AS IFEAJUNA'S QUESTIONS BEGAN TO SOUND A BIT STRANGE PARKER FEARED TRAP BEING SET AGAINST HIM AND RUSHED IFEAJUNA OUT OF HIS OFFICE AS QUICKLY AS HE COULD. I TOLD OJUKWU THAT FOREIGN SERVICE POSTS WERE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND IT NOT AT ALL UNUSUAL FOR PEOPLE TO WALK IN UNANNOUNCED AND DEMAND TO SEE THE HEAD MAN FOR ANY OF SEVERAL REASONS. IS SUCH A PERSON WERE KNOWN TO THE OFFICER HE WAS GENERALLY RECEIVED UNLESS THERE WERE REASONS AGAINST IT. I SAID IFEAJUNA WAS WELL KNOWN FIGURE WHO AS FAR AS WE KNEW WAS IN GOOD STANDING IN ENUGU; ALSO THE FACT HE HAD COME OPENLY TO PARKER'S OFFICE GAVE PARKER NO GROUNDS FOR SUSPICION AT FIRST. I SAID I TOO WOULD PROBABLY HAVE RECEIVED IFEAJUNA IF HE HAD APPEARED AT THE CONSULATE. I SAID IT ONE OF THE HAZARDS OF PARKER'S AND MY PROFESSION THAT IN TIMES OF POLITICAL INTRIGUE PERSONS MIGHT SHOW UP AT OUR

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OFFICES WHOM WE WISHED WE HAD NEVER HEARD OF AND THAT WE USUALLY ATTEMPT TO GET RID OF THEM QUICKLY WHEN WE FIND WHAT THEIR BUSINESS IS. OJUKWU ACCEPTED THIS BUT SAID HIS SUSPICIONS OF PARKER WERE BASED ON LENGTH OF TIME IFEAJUNA HAD SPENT IN DHC BUILDING AND BECAUSE OF BANJO'S CONTACTS WITH DHC BELL IN BENIN.

6. I CHANGED SUBJECT BY ASKING WHAT COURSE WAR LIKELY TO TAKE IN VIEW RECENT EVENTS. ASKED HIM HOW COULD WAR BE ENDED SOON. OJUKWU SAID QUICKEST WAY WOULD BE EXTERNAL PRESSURE FROM MAJOR POWER SUCH AS US, WITH OFFER OF MEDIATION. SAID WE COULD DO IT IF WE WOULD. I SAID THAT AS PRACTICAL MATTER THERE GREATEST RELUCTANCE IN WASHINGTON TO TAKE ON ADDITIONAL PROBLEMS OF OTHER PEOPLE. SAID ALSO THAT I THOUGHT WASHINGTON OF OPINION THAN AFRICAN NATIONS OR BRITISH HAD

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GREATER RESPONSIBILITY THAN WE TO HELP SETTLE CRISIS, BUT US WOULD DOUBTLESS GIVE STRONG SUPPORT TO EFFORTS OF OTHERS.

7. OJUKWU SAID AFRICAN STATES HAD NEITHER EXPERIENCE OR

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INFLUENCE TO DO THE JOB; BRITAIN COULD AND IT HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY BUT BRITISH HAVE BEEN UNWILLING.

8. I ASKED IF EXTERNAL EFFORTS FOR CEASE FIRE AND MEDIATION NOT SUCCESSFUL, WHAT THEN? OJUKWU SAID BIAFRA WOULD THEN HAVE TO CHANGE MILITARY BALANCE TO POINT WHERE PEACE WOULD BE MORE ATTRACTIVE TO GOWON THAN WAR. SAID THIS WILL TAKE LONGER THAN ORIGINALLY EXPECTED BUT HE CONFIDENT IT POSSIBLE BUT FOR ONE FACTOR. HE SAID BRITISH AND SOVIETS ARE COMMITTED TO GOWON AND WILL DO WHATEVER REQUIRED ENSURE GOWON DOES NOT RPT NOT LOSE WAR. I SAID AS FAR AS I COULD TELL BRITISH AS ANXIOUS AS WE TO SEE AN EARLY END TO WAR ON TERMS THAT WOULD BRING LASTING PEACE AND STABILITY. AS FOR SOVIETS, I WONDERED IF THEY WERE NOT ALREADY WISHING THEY HAD NOT BECOME SO INVOLVED. NOTED THE STRONG CRITICISM OF SIVIETS FROM OTHER AFRICAN NATIONS RE THE MIG SHIPMENTS.

9. COMMENT: IF OJUKWU IS INDEED THE HEADMAN OF A DEFEATED TRIBE HE DOESN'T INTERPRET THE ROLE AS ALL WELL. THERE IS LITTLE OF THE BRASH CONFIDENCE OF THE EARLY WEEKS OF THE

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WAR, BUT THE CONFIDENCE REMAINS, TOUCHED WITH FAR GREATER REALISM. HE APPEARS SINCERELY TO BELIEVE HE CAN GAIN HIS LIMITED OBJECTIVE OF PRESERVING BIAFRAN INDEPENDENCE IF FMG IS NOT AIDED SIGNIFICANTLY BY OUTSIDE INTERVENTION. THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF WILLINGNESS TOSEEK PEACE AT ANY PRICE.

10. JUSTIFIED OR NOT, HE CONTINUES TO HARBOR GREAT SUSPICION

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OF BRITISH MOTIVES. THIS APPEARS TO REST ON CONVICTION
THAT BRITISH INFLUENCE COULD HAVE PREVENTED DEVELOPMENTS
WHICH LED TO SECESSION AND CIVIL WAR, AND THAT BRITISH
INFLUENCE COULD STILL BRING ABOUT A VIABLE PEACE SETTLEMENT
IF BRITAIN WERE WILLING TO MAKE THE EFFORT. HE CLEARLY
FEELS THAT BRITAIN HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO TRY.
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BEGINNING MAKE PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT EFFECT OF RECENT
FIGHTING IN MIDWEST ON FIXED ASSETS AND STATE OF ECONOMY.

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GENERALLY SPEAKING, DAMAGE TO FIXED ASSETS MUCH LESS THAN
EXPECTED. MAJOR EXCEPTIONS ARE BRIDGES, WHICH HAVE BEEN
BLOWN, AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT INCLUDING VEHICLES WHICH
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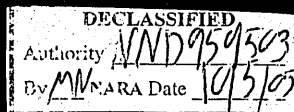
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1. FOLLOWING AVAIL ARMY HQ SOURCES THIS MORNING (27 SEP):
A. ENUGU FRONT: AS OF LAST NIGHT 26 SEP FORWARD ELEMENTS ONE
BRIGADE, ONE DIV, WERE ASTRIDE ROUTE THREE IN VICINITY VILLAGE
ABOR (APPROX THREE MILES NORTH NINE MILES CORNER) WHICH IS AT
JUNCTION ROUTE THREE AND SECONDARY ROAD RUNNING NORTHWEST
(LOCATION FEDERAL FORCES SIGNIFICANT IN THAT LESS THAN ONE
MILE SOUTH ABOR IS ANOTHER ROAD RUNNING SOUTHEAST

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FROM ROUTE THREE TO ROUTE ELEVEN
(TO ENUGU) AT POINT APPROX TWO MILES EAST NINE MILES CORNER AND
WITHIN THREE STRAIGHT LINE MILES CENTER OF ENUGU. THIS WELL
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TROOPS REACH ROAD JUNCTION SOUTH ABOR, THEREFORE, EITHER OR BOTH TWO ROUTES TO ENUGU OPEN TO THEM, SOUTH TO NINE MILE CORNER AND THEN EAST TO ENUGU, OR SOUTH EAST ON SECONDARY ROAD AND THENCE EAST TO ENUGU. REPORTS FROM FEDERAL COMMANDERS IN FIELD INDICATE RESISTANCE ENUGU FORCES NOT ENUGU CRUMBLING. BL MID-WEST, ELEMENTS FEDERAL SECOND DIV CAPTURED AGBOR 26 SEP AND NOW MOVING ON ASABA. EASTERN FORCES ATTEMPTED TWO COUNTERATTACKS FROM ASABA LAST TWO DAYS, ONE NORTH TOWARD UBIAAA, ONE SOUTH WEST TOWARD

KWALE, BOTH CONTAINED BY FEDERAL FORCES. C-BONNY: ON 24 SEP FEDERAL GARRISON BONNY REPORTED IMMINENCE ENUGU FORCE ATTEMPT RETAKE BONNY. IN RESPONSE, NAVAL HQ, APAPA, DIRECTED FRIGATE NNS NIGERIA TO BONNY FROM MOUTH CROSS RIVER OFF CALABAR. ARRIVAL NIGERIA OFF BONNY BAR 25 SEP COINCIDED ALMOST PRECISELY WITH ARRIVAL ENUGU FORCES PRESUMABLY FROM HARCOURT IN FLEET SMALL VESSELS. APPROXIMATELY THREE MINUTES

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IRE FROM NIGERIA SETTLED ISSUE. MAJORITY SMALL BOATS SUNK OR DAMAGED AND LARGE NUMBERS ENUGU FORCE TROOPS DROWNED. AS RESULT THIS ACTION BONNY, VESSEL DAN FODIO WHICH HAD BROUGHT APPROX TWO THOUSAND TROOPS ESCRAVOS 24 SEP, REEMBARKED SOME PORTION OF THEM FOR BONNY. THESE BELIEVED DUE BONNY TODAY OR EARLY TOMORROW.

2. REF PAR 2, MY 0406 SEP. IN FURTHER SUPPORT SPECULATION REF PAR THAT FEDERAL AMPHIB OPERATION EITHER HARCOURT OR CALABAR OR BOTH IN MAKING, IT SIGNIFICANT NOTE THAT SENIOR ARMY HQ FIGURE THIS MORNING STUDYING LARGESKETCH CROSS RIVER ENTRANCE TO CALABAR. MANY NOTATIONS NOTED THEREON. IN ADDITION, THERE VAGUE INDICATIONS FROM KEY NAVAL FIGURES THAT OPERATION AGAINST CALABAR NOT FAR OFF. ON EVENING 25 SEP ONE NAVAL FIGURE KNOWN TO BE IN POSITION KNOW PLANS IN PROGRESS TOLD DATT "WE COULD GO FOR HARCOURT AND CALABAR AS EARLY AS THIS COMING WEEKEND". KEY TO LIKELY DATE OPERATIONS IS MOVEMENT NAVAL VESSELS AND AUXILIARIES NOW APAPA. CLOSE WATCH BEING MAINTAINED ALL VESSELS LIKELY BE INVOLVED. FOR EXAMPLE, NIGERIAN PORTS AUTHORITY HEAVY TUG

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ABDUL MALIKI (WHICH ON PRIORITY CALL TO NIGERIAN NAVY) ORDERED

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BONNY AND DEPARTED LAGOS 27 SEP. TASK NOT KNOW THIS POINT.

3. AIR ACTIVITY: ONE DC3 CARRIED OUT RAID OVER ENUGU 250630LOCAL SEP. SOME BOMBS DROPPED BUSINESS AND RESIDENTIAL AREAS; DAMAGE UNKNOWN. ALSO ON 25 SEP PORT HARCOURT RAIDED BY FEDERAL PLANES; POSSIBLY L-29S BASED BENIN. FLIGHT FOUR FEDERAL MIGS BASED IUEJA HAVE BEEN GROUNDED AFTER PROTESTS COMMERCIAL OPERATORS AT FIELD. PLANE RAYOS DID NOT HAVE CONTACT WITH AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER AT FIELD. REQUIRED CRYSTALS DUE LAGOS BOAC FLIGHT 29 SEPM IF SO. PLANES SHOULD BE OPERATIONAL MID-AFTERNOON SAME DAY.

4. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

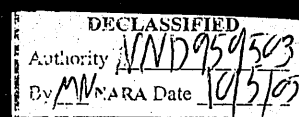
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WOULD DEPART FOR LAS PALMAS, CANARY ISLANDS. NIGERIAN NAVY AMMO OFFICER NOTED ON SCENE.

B. HARBOR MASTER LAGOS SOURCE TOLD DAO STAFFER 27 SEP THAT RUSSIAN VESSEL, TYPE UNIDENTIFIED, BUT BELIEVED CARRYING NAME LEBUS, HAS BEEN LAYING OFF LAGOS HARBOR, JUST OUTSIDE 12 MILE LIMIT, FOR FOR DAYS. SOURCE SAID THAT SINCE COMMENCEMENT CIVIL WAR IN NIGERIA THERE HAS BEEN A STEADY INCREASE IN SUCH INCIDENTS.

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5. AT APPROX 1600 HOURS LOCAL TODAY RELIABLE FMG SOURCE SAID HE BELIEVED FEDERAL FORCES HAD COMMENCED SHELLING ENUGU FROM "OTHER SIDE (NW) MULLIKAN HILL". SOURCE SAID HE BELIEVED FEDERAL FORCES HAD MOVED SOUTH EAST ON FROM ROUTE THREE TO ROUTE SIX VIA SECONDARY ROAD DESCRIBED PAR 1A ABOVE. GP-3.

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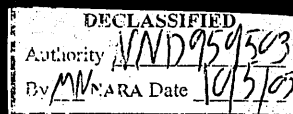
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